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REMARKS

Claims 6-13, 24-28 and 33 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 6-8 and 11 have been amended to more particularly define the claimed invention. Claims 1-5, 14-23 and 34-52 have been canceled.

It is noted that the claims have been amended solely to more particularly point out Applicant's invention for the Examiner, and not for distinguishing over the prior art, narrowing the claim in view of the prior art, or for statutory requirements directed to patentability. It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 24-28 and 33 are allowed and claims 6-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant notes that claims 1-5, 14-23 and 34-52 have been canceled and claims 6-8 and 11 have been rewritten (and claims 9-10 and 12-13 depend from claims 8 and 11, respectively). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is **in condition for immediate allowance**.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 6-13, 24-28 and 33, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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I hereby certify that the foregoing was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Pierre Elisca, Group Art Unit # 3621 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2006.



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